

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. *(Currently Amended)* ~~A method of (a) increasing hydrophilic character of a subject's teeth and oral mucosal surfaces as measured by a decrease in water contact angles or an increase in anionic surface charge and surface charge density and (b) decreasing pellicle film thickness, thereby providing improved mouth feel aesthetics, comprising administering to the subject~~ An oral composition for treating a subject's oral cavity surfaces, comprising a polymeric surface active agent present in an amount from about 1% to about 35% by weight of the composition sufficient to deposit on said oral surfaces a conditioning film, wherein said polymeric surface active agent is the essential agent to (a) increase hydrophilic character of a subject's teeth and oral mucosal surfaces as measured by a decrease in water contact angles or an increase in anionic surface charge and surface charge density and (b) decrease pellicle film thickness, thereby providing improved mouth feel aesthetics and is a polyelectrolyte selected from the group consisting of copolymers of phosphate-containing monomers or polymers with ethylenically unsaturated monomers, amino acids, or with other polymers selected from proteins, polypeptides, polysaccharides, poly(acrylate), poly(acrylamide), poly(methacrylate), poly(ethacrylate), poly(hydroxyalkylmethacrylate), poly(vinyl alcohol), poly(maleic anhydride), poly(maleate), poly(amide), poly(ethylene amine), poly(ethylene glycol), poly(propylene glycol), poly(vinyl acetate) or poly(vinyl benzyl chloride); and mixtures thereof.
2. *(Currently amended)* An oral composition ~~A method~~ according to Claim 1 which provides improved mouth feel aesthetics selected from smooth teeth, clean-feeling teeth, clean mouth feeling and longer lasting clean feeling.
3. *(Cancelled)*
4. *(Cancelled)*
5. *(Currently amended)* An oral composition ~~A method~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of a stannous ion source.

6. *(Currently amended)* An oral composition ~~A method~~ according to Claim 5, wherein the composition comprises from about 3,000 ppm to about 15,000 ppm stannous ions in the total composition.
7. *(Withdrawn)* A method of (a) increasing hydrophilic character of a subject's teeth and oral mucosal surfaces as measured by a decrease in water contact angles or an increase in anionic surface charge and surface charge density and (b) decreasing pellicle film thickness, thereby providing improved mouth feel aesthetics ~~providing surface conditioning effects to a subject's teeth and mucosal surfaces~~ comprising administering to the subject an oral composition comprising a polymeric surface active agent present in an amount from about 1% to about 35% by weight of the composition sufficient to deposit on said oral surfaces a conditioning film ~~providing (a) increased hydrophilic character as measured by a decrease in water contact angles or an increase in anionic surface charge and surface charge density and (b) decreased pellicle film thickness~~, wherein said polymeric surface active agent is a polyelectrolyte selected from the group consisting of copolymers of phosphate-containing monomers or polymers with ethylenically unsaturated monomers, amino acids, or with other polymers selected from proteins, polypeptides, polysaccharides, poly(acrylate), poly(acrylamide), poly(methacrylate), poly(ethacrylate), poly(hydroxyalkylmethacrylate), poly(vinyl alcohol), poly(maleic anhydride), poly(maleate) poly(amide), poly(ethylene amine), poly(ethylene glycol), poly(propylene glycol), poly(vinyl acetate) or poly(vinyl benzyl chloride); and mixtures thereof.
8. *(Withdrawn)* A method of preventing and controlling tartar and tooth staining in a subject comprising administering to said subject an oral composition according to Claim 1.
9. *(Withdrawn)* A method of preventing and controlling tartar and tooth staining in a subject comprising administering to said subject an oral composition according to Claim 5.